

COMMUNITY UPDATE COVID-19

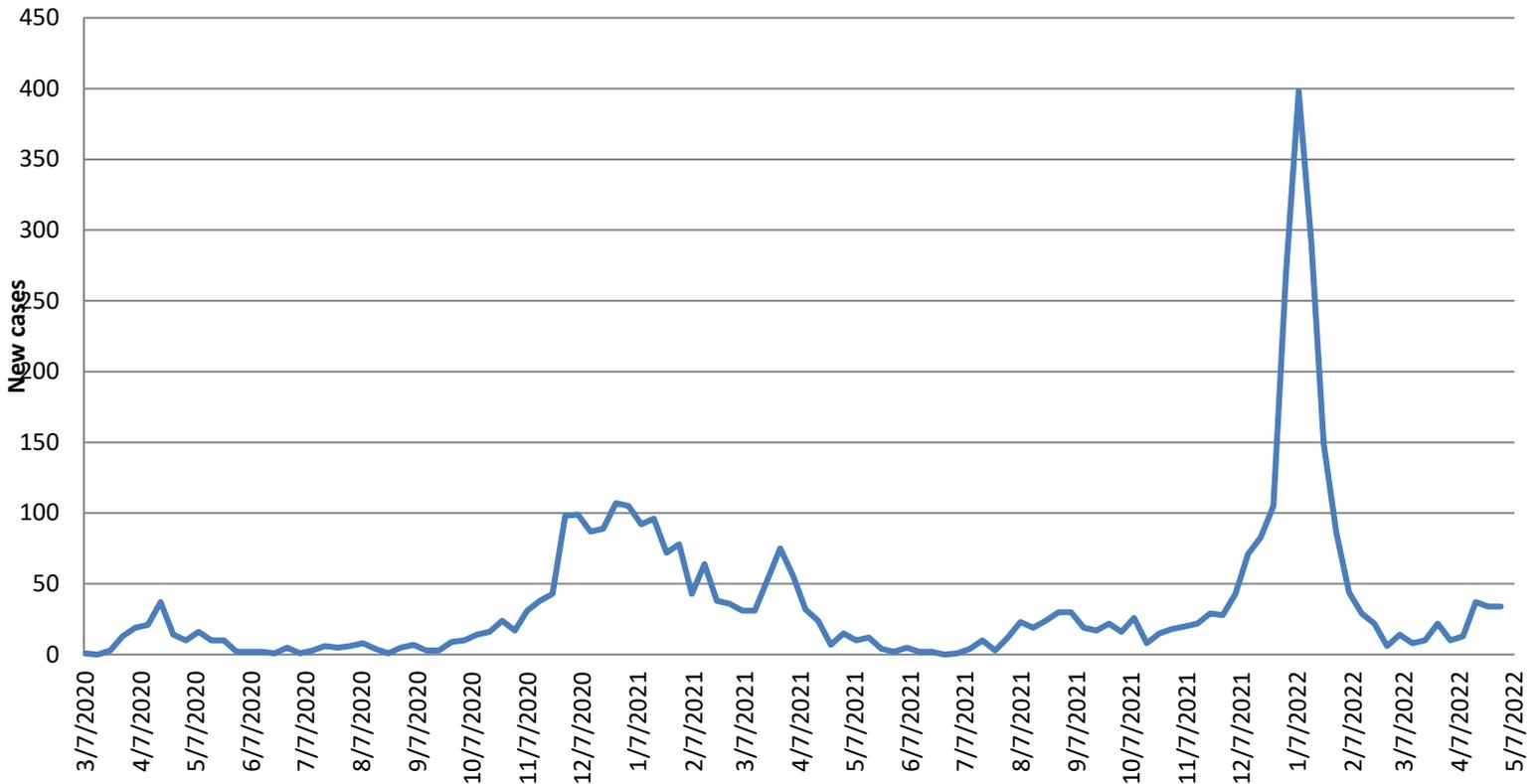
May 2, 2022:

The Town of Mansfield continues its community update on our website with our up to date information and important tips for the public as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more complete information, please see the town [coronavirus webpage](#).

- **As of today, please see the below chart that represents our communities COVID-19 relates cases:**

<i>Mansfield Covid-19 Workflow</i>	#	
Positive COVID-19 under isolation	39	(updated 05/02 08:00)
Positive Cases recovered	4256	
Total tested positive since beginning:	4332	
Covid-19 Related Deaths	37	Last Covid death in Mansfield 3/22/22

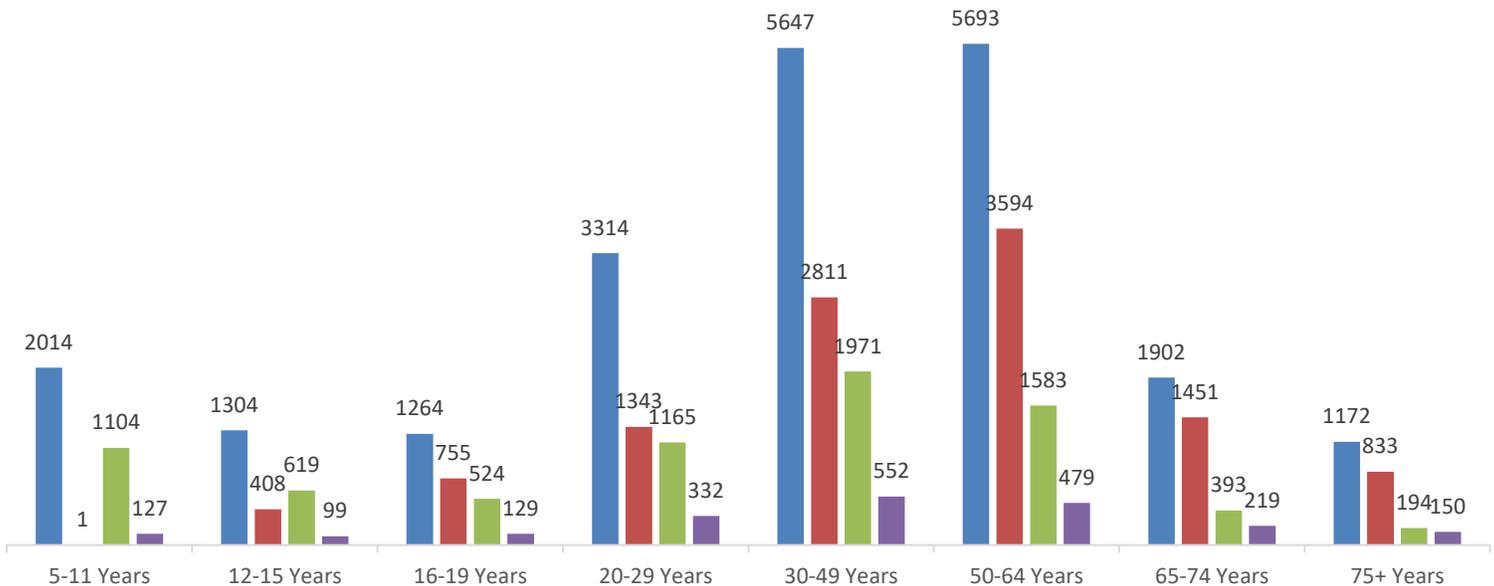
**New COVID-19 cases per week*
March 7, 2020 - April 30, 2022**



* At home test results are not reported nor included in state data

Vaccine Distribution in Mansfield- data through April 26, 2022

■ Population ■ Individuals with booster doses ■ Fully vaccinated individual, no booster ■ Partially vaccinated individuals



All data obtained from [Massachusetts COVID-19 vaccination data and updates | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates)

Up to Date, Feeling Great

This week, the U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Program marks two milestones: 500 days since the first COVID-19 vaccine was approved for use in the United States, and 100 million [first booster doses administered](#).

While 100 million boosters is certainly something to celebrate, the fact remains that half of those eligible for a [COVID-19 booster shot](#)—about 91 million people—have not yet received one. Staying [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines, including recommended boosters, is the safest way to protect against severe outcomes from COVID-19.



Vaccines increase our protection against COVID-19, even for those with a previous COVID-19 infection. A new [CDC study](#) shows that the record number of infections during the Omicron wave gave many Americans infection-induced immunity. Between December 2021 and February 2022, the estimated percentage of the U.S. population with infection-induced antibodies increased from 34% to 58% across all age groups. The largest increases were in children and adolescents.

Reinfections can occur. Everyone should stay up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters for those who are eligible. In the United States, this means a primary series for everyone ages 5 years and older and a booster for everyone ages 12 years and older. [Some people](#) are also eligible to receive a second booster. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is fast, easy, and free. [Find a vaccine](#) near you.

- [Get Vaccinated and Boosted Against COVID-19 for individuals age 5+](#)

Following updated recommendations from the federal government, all residents aged 50 and older or individuals who are younger with certain medical conditions may now access a second COVID-19 booster. Those eligible include:

- Individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after getting a first booster
- Individuals 18 and older with [certain medical conditions](#) may get a second Moderna booster at least 4 months after first booster
- Individuals 12 and older with [certain medical conditions](#) may get a second Pfizer booster at least 4 months after the first booster.

Separately and in addition, per the CDC, individuals 18 and older who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that [Americans stay "up to date" with COVID-19 vaccines](#), rather than be "fully vaccinated." Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters Are Available



Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson boosters are safe and effective, free, and available near you.

- You don't need an ID, health insurance, or vaccine card
- Check your eligibility: mass.gov/BoosterCheck
- Use VaxFinder.mass.gov to find a location

Learn more at mass.gov/COVID19booster



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Important Links for Vaccination:

- MA COVID-19 Vaccine Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information
- Find a Vaccine Location, including boosters: www.vaxfinder.mass.gov
- COVID-19 Vaccine frequently asked questions: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions
- COVID-19 vaccine booster shots, ages 12+: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html
- COVID-19 booster frequently asked questions: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions
- Generate a COVID-19 digital vaccine card: www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records
- Request a copy of your vaccine record: www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record

- [Treatments for COVID-19](#)

Free treatments for COVID-19 are available. They can help prevent hospitalization and reduce your chance for severe disease.

Treatment is available for people who are at increased risk of severe disease, test positive for COVID-19 and have any symptoms, even mild ones (such as runny nose or cough). The sooner you start treatment, the better.

- **Call your doctor right away** to learn about your treatment options, OR
- **Call (508) 213-1380** to speak with a Gothams representative. If you're eligible for COVID-19 treatment, they can schedule an infusion appointment for you at one of their 7 sites in Massachusetts. Gothams COVID-19 Self-Referral Treatment Line is open Monday–Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



- [Bristol County COVID-19 Community Level is identified as LOW](#)

[COVID-19 Community Levels](#) are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

In **Bristol County**, community level is **Low**.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

COVID-19 Community Level designations throughout Massachusetts today:

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Barnstable	Medium
Berkshire	Medium
Bristol	Low
Dukes	Low
Essex	Low
Franklin	Low
Hampden	Medium

County	COVID-19 Community Level
Hampshire	Medium
Middlesex	Medium
Nantucket	Low
Norfolk	Medium
Plymouth	Low
Suffolk	Medium
Worcester	Low

- [Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public](#)

Important Links for Isolation and Quarantine:

- Mansfield COVID information: www.mansfieldma.com/601/Covid-Information
- COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance for the General Public: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-guidance-for-the-general-public
- How To Talk To Your Close Contacts: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/tell-your-contacts.html
- Enable MassNotify on your smartphone: www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone

The CDC has a new [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation \(Q&I\) Calculator](#) which offers customized information to address each unique situation. It takes the stress out of figuring when, and for how long, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need to stay home, get tested, and wear a well-fitting mask. The calculator provides important information about what precautions people with COVID-19 and their close contacts can take to protect loved ones and prevent COVID-19 in their communities. This online, mobile-friendly calculator provides a simple, easy-to-use way to help people follow CDC's [Quarantine and Isolation](#) guidance and get customized information that applies to their unique situation.

To use the tool:

- People with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms need to know the date they were tested for COVID-19
- People with COVID-19 who have symptoms need to know the date their symptoms began
- Close contacts need to know the date they last came into close contact with someone with COVID-19

[Answers to frequently asked questions](#) about the Quarantine and Isolation Calculator are available for those who want to learn more about the tool.

- [Public Health Advisory regarding COVID-19 Testing](#)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health advises all residents to seek COVID-19 tests when exhibiting [COVID symptoms](#), or five days following a known close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID pursuant to MA DPH quarantine and isolation protocols, updated in accordance with the new CDC guidance.

Important Links for Testing:

- CDC's online COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool: <https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool>
- MA DPH COVID-19 Testing information: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>
- Find a COVID-19 Test: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>
- Using a COVID-19 Self-Test: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/using-a-covid-19-self-test>
- CDC COVID-19 Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>

- **Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 2 sets of 4 free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a second today.** Order free At-Home COVID-19 Tests: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>
- [COVID-19 Mask Requirements](#)

Important Links for Masks and Respirators:

- COVID-19 Mask Information: www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-information
- Types of Masks and Respirators: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html
- Your Guide to Masks: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html
- Improve How Your Mask Protects You: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html
- Types of Masks and Respirators: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html
- Find Free Masks (N95 Respirators): www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/free-masks.html

Free N95 Respirators

The Strategic National Stockpile has distributed N95 respirators to pharmacy distribution centers throughout the country. For information about how to use your N95 correctly, see [How to Use Your N95 Respirator](#).

[Free Mask Locator](#)

Find free masks (N95 respirators) at a participating location near you. Click [here](#).

- [Mansfield Public School COVID information and dashboard](#)

For information about the schools and COVID, please see their School Health and COVID Information webpage: <https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschools.com/covid-19/home>